

# THE GLEICHEN CALL

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## In The Provincial Legislature

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Hon. D. B. MacMillan, on reporting to the house stated that the anticipated road program for 1950 would exceed that of any previous year in Alberta's history.

Information was given to the house to show that on a per capita basis Alberta's grant towards education was the lowest to seven times as great as that of any province with the exception of British Columbia and New Brunswick.

Some of the opposition has suggested that oil revenue should be used to reduce taxation. Premier Manning replied to this by stating that there were three reasons why the government would not follow this practice.

In the first place, he stated, tax rates in Alberta are generally lower than the average for other provinces of Canada. Secondly, the financial position of Alberta is better than usual and thirdly, the general feeling of the public is that it is more desirable to increase services than to reduce taxation.

Speaking in answer to Mr. Frowse's criticism that 18 millions of dollars of the provincial revenue is a gift from Ottawa under the Tax Transfer Agreement, Mr. Manning stated that far from such an amount being a gift from the senior government, it represented only a rental payment to the Dominion for the exclusive use of the various tax fields in which they have complete jurisdiction during the life of the Tax Transfer Agreement. He then turned out to the House that the Alberta Government will give serious consideration to the amounts now being allocated by Ottawa in these tax fields before agreeing to renew the agreement on the expiration of it present life.

Hon. Mr. Casey told the house that education today employed 9,000 people whose wages exceed twenty million dollars yearly. He stated that provincial grants to school districts have increased from \$4,307,000 in 1940 to \$7,850,000 this year. This is an increase of 82 percent in four years.

Teachers' pensions will cost the government more than half a million dollars in 1950. The house was told that the membership of the Farmers' Union of Alberta as at January 31st, 1950 was 4,600. In reporting to the house Hon. D. B. MacMillan indicated that there are over a quarter million million cattle that have been tested for TB and every effort is being made to test the entire area between Calgary and Edmonton. District agriculturists and economists last year contacted 187,000 people in an endeavor to assist farm people with their problems. More than a million trees will be planted in Alberta this year and every effort is being made to increase this quantity as an essential step in controlling soil erosion.

The resolution was passed in the house requesting the Dominion government to allow Old Age Pensioners to earn more money than at present without automatically having their pension reduced.

Considerable progress is being made in the passing of the estimates and it is possible that the house might complete its work by the end of the month.

## APRIL FOOLS AND FOOLISHNESS

Saturday is April 1st and it is the only day of the year when practical jokes can expect their tricks all ways to be received with a laugh. The practice of clowning on this day is carried out in nearly every country. A learned professor found the well known expression of "April Fool" in 19 languages.

It is known how all it started, but numerous explanations are offered. Adding them up, it seems to be the survival of an old custom ceremony related to the worship of the sun. The first April is near the time of the spring equinox.

The Festival of Holi, celebrated in March 31 by Hindus in India, has been the occasion of sending a message to foolish errands and of confusing messengers between friends by delivering false messages.

The ancient Egyptians had a spring festival in honor of Llew the Sun God. This old worship has been preserved in folklore, popular phrases and customs. It is probable



BIG AGRICULTURAL ADVANCE

The first post-war revolutionary developments in British farm mechanization is shown above. Output from factories is eight times greater than it was before the war, and the im-

provement is a result of the day in Old England and France. From France it is said to have passed to Germany. The early settlers brought the custom from the old world to the new.

Because on April 1 the sun is leaving the sign of Pisces, the French call the victim of an April Fool trick a poisson d'avril, or April Fish. The calendar reform adopted by Charles IX of France in 1564 making New Year's Day in January instead of April as it had previously been, gave a new reason for April Foolishness. Practical jokes gave mock presents on April 1st in imitation of the New Year's gifts once exchanged on that day.

An old English April fool's gag was to send a guinea friend to a library for a history of Eve's Grandmother, or to a store for a bottle of pigeon milk.

Probably the most elaborate April Fool's joke was played in London in 1860. Invitations to the Tower of London were sent to great numbers of people to see the "Annual Ceremony of Washing the White Lions on Sunday, April 1st." Admission was at the "White Gate" only. Traffic was blocked around the Tower all that April Fool's Day by carriages filled with elaborately gowned guests seeking the nonexistent White Gate.

According to the general custom April fool tricks should be played only in the morning. Otherwise the joker is the fool as shown by an old English saying:

"March is gone and April come. You're a fool and I'm none."

"Hunting the gawk" is good sport in Scotland to celebrate the day. The victim is sent to borrow from a neighbor bearing a note which says: "This is the first of April. Hunt the gawk another mile." The further the April Fool travels on his fruitless errand the better joke it is considered.

Yes, and believe it or not, the Japanese in their desire to gain "face" by imitating the customs of western civilization held a double day in their government as to the ridiculousness of including April Fool's Day in the ceremonial calendar of Japan.

## TASK OF THE PRESS

Today, a distasteful would be looking for an answer, both to war and for the building up of a better social order. The newspaper, which goes into nearly every home in most countries, has power to change the tide of thinking in its community. This makes the task of the press prominent.

Journalists have been described as possible "heralds of a new world" because they can make "so great and powerful a contribution to the liberation of the world from chaos."

There is one kind of writing behind which you can sense a good idea. There is another kind of writing behind which you feel the beating heart. Through the power of this latter creative writing, the press will lead regeneration. To do this, it is necessary to stop thinking only in

terms of the written word, but also in terms of real living experience. From the heart of man will come either a new beginning of history or its end. Man himself is the cause of war or the basis of peace, and the journalist can only propagate this idea if he starts with himself. Living is more important than talking and living is even more important than writing.

Our times demand the application in all our lives of vital Christian idealism—people who live their faith according to the more or less. Programs of reform have not put change in people at this primary point, which is the first condition of social change.

To play it part in the regeneration of our own and other countries, is the greatest task the press can undertake.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Brenner of Shoultice have moved to Gleichen and are living in the house vacated by Campbell Evans on the reserve. Mr. Brenner was Indian farm instructor at Shoultice and here he will continue with the Indian department. Mr. Evans was retired several months ago after many years with the Indian department. He and Mrs. Evans have moved to Calgary.

The Gleichen crew went on the rampage one evening last week and flooded Jack Fontaine's restaurant and G. Colpoys implement shop to the depth of a foot or so.

One of our subscribers has defined a sleeper as follows: A sleeper is one who sleeps. A sleeper is also the name given to a railway carriage in which a sleeper sleeps. A sleeper is also the name of the hawks of wood that hold the rails on which the sleeper runs while the sleeper sleeps. Therefore, while the sleeper sleeps in the sleeper, the sleeper carries the sleeper over the sleeper under the sleeper until the sleeper which carries the sleeper jumps the sleeper and wakes the sleeper under the sleeper on the sleeper; and there is no longer any sleeper for the sleeper sleeping on the sleeper.

St. Andrew's W. A. Gleichen, will hold an Easter Tea and sale of home cooking on Saturday, April 8, at 3 p.m. in the Cutting Bink.

Agricultural authorities are recommending a moderate increase in flat acreage on the prairies in view of the marketing prospects this season. It has been shown that domestic consumption of linseed is likely to be well maintained and the export market for this commodity is expected to be more favorable. The experimental furma lists varieties considered suitable for Alberta. They are Royal, Dakota and Ren-ew. That flat can give high yields with proper cultivation is indicated by rod tests conducted. Dakota yielded 29 bushels per acre, Ren-ew was 21.5 bushels. The variety Royal was the standard sort grown for many years, yielded 24 bushels to the acre.

Public libraries in Canada serve 90 percent of the people in the cities and about 40 percent of the people in the smaller communities. Compound interest and advertising are very similar; the longer they are continued, the better the results.

The first railway in Canada was built in 1826 between Montreal and St. John's, Quebec, a distance of 16 miles.

The whole problem will be studied by F. W. GERSHAW.

The average Canadian yield of maple syrup generally amounts to about 2,600,000 gallons in terms of syrup.

By-Law NO. 385

Being a by-law of the Town of Gleichen setting the rates for the licensing of dogs in the Town of Gleichen.

Be it enacted and it is hereby enacted that for that part, setting the rates for the licensing of dogs in the Town of Gleichen, of all previous bylaws respecting the licensing and control of dogs is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"Prior to March 31st of each year the licensing rates for dogs shall be, for each dog \$2.00 and for each bitch \$3.00. After March 31st and prior to April 30th, for each dog \$2.50 and for each bitch \$3.50. After April 30th all dogs or bitches remaining unlicensed shall be liable to destruction at the discretion of the council."

This bylaw shall come into force and have effect from and after the passing thereof.

Read a first and second time this twenty seventh day of February, 1950.

A. HORN, Secretary-Treasurer.

## The Ottawa Letter

The government is setting up a committee of all parties and both houses of parliament to develop the best possible old age and retirement system that can be devised with full consideration for the well being of all Canadians.

Any plan adopted will need to be worked out on a co-operative basis with the provinces.

The minister said he hoped to see the means for elimination of dual labor, industry, agriculture and social welfare organizations will be asked to send representatives to the committee to express their views.

A contributory system would involve an amendment to the B. N. A. Act as compulsory payments could only be made with the consent of the provinces.

The dominion pays \$80 per month to everyone in Canada eligible for the full pension. The three provinces of the west also pay medical and hospital fees. In addition, B. C. and Alberta pay \$20 and Saskatchewan pays \$12.50. A person over 70 having little or no other income gets in money \$60 per month B.C. and Alberta and \$42.50 in Saskatchewan.

If a pensioner has other income the pension may be reduced. At present the amount of allowable income including pensions is \$600 for single and \$1,080 per year for married people. We are hoping that the committee will recommend that these amounts be increased.

In the U.S.A. there is a contributory scheme where the employer and the employee each pay 1% percent of the payroll into a fund. The average benefit after 15 years is \$40 per month. It starts at 65 years of age. The government pays only administrative costs.

The Washington government also pays into a non-contributory scheme about the same amount as the Ottawa government pays into our present scheme. Some of the states pay more than some of our provinces, so that the pension varies from \$15 in Mississippi to \$75 in Colorado. The lowest rate is more severe than that in Canada.

In New Zealand the pension starts at a little less than \$100 a year at 65 years of age. It is based on contributions by the pensioner but there is no means test. It gradually increased until by 1958 it may be \$400 a year.

The Canadian pension is more generous than that of New Zealand, Australia and the United Kingdom but less generous than in some of the United States owing to the large state contributions.

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## Preparation For Citizenship

MORE THAN 90,000 REFUGEES have settled in Canada since the movement of displaced persons from Europe commenced, after the war. The International Refugee Organization, which has been in charge of finding new homes for displaced persons, will begin to terminate its activities next June, and it is feared that at that time there may still be some 100,000 refugees without homes. Sir Arthur Rucker, deputy director of the International Refugee Organization visited Canada recently and he commended this country for the part it has played in solving this great post-war problem.

### Have Found Homes Here

Displaced persons have found homes in all parts of Canada, and have taken up work on farms, in factories, on construction projects and in many other fields. Among them have been some highly trained men and women who have entered professional life in this country. The present influx of new citizens is the largest which has taken place for many years, and efforts are being made to assist the newcomers to learn the language as quickly as possible and to become familiar with Canada's history, its customs and its institutions. Provincial departments of education and other interested agencies carry on this work, which helps new citizens to become adjusted to the life here, and prepares them to take on Canadian citizenship, which they may do after a period of five years.

### Many Booklets Are Sent Out

The Citizenship and Immigration department of the federal government is also taking part in this work, and is assisting provincial departments of education in maintaining classes for new citizens. Booklets have been prepared by the government outlining basic English and French and about 20,000 of these have been distributed to the provinces. In addition, a number of pocket-sized books have been sent to those who live in outlying districts, away from instruction centers. Another booklet "Our Land, Our History, Our Government and Our Resources" has also been prepared and some 25,000 copies have been distributed. New citizens throughout the country are being urged to take advantage of the opportunities offered to them to learn the language and to qualify themselves for citizenship. This positive attitude toward the matter of encouraging newcomers to the country to become responsible citizens is to be commended and should receive the support of all those who are in a position to assist with this work.

### To Get More Locket Plants

WINNIPEG.—Another 20 quick-freeze locket plants will be built in Manitoba in 1950, to serve an estimated 8,000 rural families, C. M. Fleming, Winnipeg, secretary of the Manitoba Quick Freeze Locket association, predicted. Probable cost will be \$200,000.

Mr. Fleming made this estimate at the association's fifth annual convention held here.

"Manitoba already has 100 quick-freeze locket plants representing an investment of \$2,500,000 and serving about 40,000 rural families," he stated.

Although there are only four plants operating in Winnipeg, Mr. Fleming foresees the day when there will be mass production of "pre-frozen meals" in quick-freeze plants in cities and towns.

### Sask. Population Shows Increase

REGINA.—The estimated population of Saskatchewan was 842,000 in 1947, according to the annual report of the public health department's vital statistics division tabled in the legislature.

The 1947 figure was an increase of 10,000 from the preceding year and was down 3,000 from 1945.

Of the 1947 population total, an estimated 446,400 were males and 395,600 females.

### Lumber Mills Boost Production

OTTAWA.—Canadian lumber mills east of the Rockies last year boosted sawn lumber production to 1,829,000,000 feet.

This, the bureau of statistics said recently, is an increase of six per cent. over the 1,743,000,000 feet produced in 1948.

Estimates were higher for all provinces with the exception of Nova Scotia, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Production last year with 1948 totals in brackets:

Prince Edward Island, 3,458,000 (123,400,000); Nova Scotia, 128,056,000 (123,464,000); New Brunswick, 147,332,000 (113,423,000); Quebec, 993,225,000 (538,350,000); Ontario, 436,535,000 (438,361,000); Manitoba, 30,135,000 (26,762,000).

### REQUIRE CERTIFICATES

VICTORIA.—Certificates of competency are required of all electrical contractors operating on the lower mainland in an announcement published in the B.C. Gazette.

Milk is the chief food for adding lime to the human system.

## Alberta Retains Third Place As Egg Producer

Although national egg production was down 15 per cent. in 1949, Alberta retained its third-place position among producing provinces, a place it also held in 1948. Production figures, in dozens, are as follows:

P.E.I.	1,350	1,350
Ontario	10,700,000	10,700,000
Quebec	10,214,000	10,214,000
Manitoba	10,144,000	10,144,000
Saskatchewan	10,144,000	10,144,000
British Columbia	2,972,000	2,972,000
National Total	236,371,000	281,273,000

### Record Highways Program Planned

EDMONTON.—Road building in Alberta this year will surpass all existing records according to budget figures issued. The estimate for main highway construction, capital and income account, is \$18,700,000, a \$3,000,000 increase over last year.

This does not include the \$200,000 proposed for construction of the Trans-Canada Highway nor does it include about \$3,500,000 in grants for road construction to municipalities and improvement districts.

The large main highway construction figure compares nearly half of the public works department's estimated expenditures, in capital and income account, of \$38,000,883. This department's expected expenditures make up the lion's share of the provincial budget.

### Jobs Asked For Men Over 45

VICTORIA.—Amendments to the Civil Service Act to give men over 45, and women over 40 the right to take government jobs was asked by Don Brown (Coalition, Vancouver-Stuart) in the Legislature.

"It is tough treatment when businessmen and politicians tell breadwinners they are not wanted when they have reached 45," declared Mr. Brown.

"If they cannot get work, they will have to be looked after at the terrific expense of government and society as a whole."

### Eggs Flown To Hong Kong

VANCOUVER.—Three hundred fertile eggs were recently shipped by air from Vancouver to a company in Hong Kong, which has expressed a desire to establish a Canadian poultry-grown strain in its flock of poultry.

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### Demonstrating Their Skill



Longtime champion of the proves of Border Collies as sheep dogs here are three of Bill Martin's sheep dogs from Maple Creek, Sask., giving a demonstration of their skill.

### Displays Her Kill

Daisy Minter, of Foam Lake, Sask., displays her kill, a skunk. This skunk was another killed 18 turkey poult and nine ducklings, between them.

### FUNNY And OTHERWISE

Black—"What did his father advise when you told him you loved his daughter, but only had a hundred dollars saved up?"

White—"He advised me to invest it all in a one-way railway ticket with no stopovers!"

Ycar: "Ah, you have a son in Hollywood. Does he ever come home?"

Old Resident: "He's been home every summer for five years."

Ycar: "And did he bring his wife with him?"

Old Resident: "That he did, sir. And five smart girls they were."

"I doubt your eyes are strong enough to get you a driver's license?" said the optician. "But here and tell me how many glasses you can read on the number plate of that car outside."

"What car?" said the would-be motorist.

"You ought to get married."

"I have wished many times lately that I had a wife. She'd probably have a sewing machine, and the sewing machine would have an oil can, and I could take it and oil my office door. It squeaks."

A woman seeking U.S. citizenship papers did all right with the examination until she came to a question about the flag. To the query, "What does our state house in Boston?" she replied: "Pigeons."

The fishmonger was trying to persuade a woman customer to buy a whole steak, but her reluctance was difficult to overcome.

"Ah, well," she said at last, with a twinkle in her eye. "I'll take it. I can heat the head for the cat."

Traffic Officer: "Hey! What's the idea? Didn't you hear me whistle to you?"

Girl Motorist: "Certainly I did, and if you try again I'll report you."

Hangry Stranger (to navy): "What's in the kitchen was to the hospital, my well-being?"

Navy: "Folk me in the back with that walking stick, and you'll find yourself there in no time."

### PLENTY OF WEIGHTY

Thirty-two hundred pounds of curling rocks, valued at \$5,000 was used at the Macdonald Brier Tankard competition held at Vancouver.

## Spring Floods Not Expected In Manitoba

WINNIPEG.—Manitoba this spring should be free from serious floods comparable to those of 1948, provided precipitation through March and April is normal and average break-up conditions prevail.

This prediction, based on conditions existing as at March 1, 1950, comes from the water resources division of the development services branch of the dominion department of resources and development.

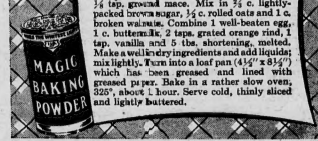
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### Can't think of anything but CROWN BRAND

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#### BROILED HAMBURG STEAK ON ONION RINGS

- 1 pound finely chopped lean raw beef
- 1 cup ground meat
- 1 cup soft fine bread crumbs
- 1 slice bacon
- 1 slice Spanish Onion (1½ inch thick)
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons onion juice
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 1 tablespoon water

Lay onion in buttered shallow baking dish. Pour over 2 tablespoons melted butter, sprinkle with salt and pepper, cover closely, bake until tender (about 30 minutes), in moderate oven (350 deg. F.).

Cook parsley in rest of butter and add to beef, mix crumbly and seasonings. Mold into 7 flat cakes and wrap each with a slice of bacon. Place each on an onion slice in baking dish and cook in broiler over 5 minutes on each side. Bake twice.

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## Town & District

The Gleichen firemen are getting ready to stage a big dance on Easter Monday. It is many years since the firemen have put on a dance. For years they had put on dances on Easter Monday which always proved to be enjoyable affairs.

Canvassers for the Red Cross have been making the rounds in town and have been very successful. Since we all know how much the Red Cross society is therefore one should contribute to the best of their ability.

Sam Libin one of the proprietors of the Shoprite Stores here was down from Calgary Monday, looking after the firm's interests.

It looks as if spring was here at last with the snow rapidly disappearing and the streets in a quagmire of mud.

Almost every morning last week starting at seven or eight o'clock the curbers were out in force curbing. The warm weather made the ice too soft to play in the afternoon or evenings so early morning driving was the only way they could finish up their schedule. With the warm weather these days it looks as if curbing was about finished for this term.

### EXPERIMENTAL FARM NOTES

We all tend to rush into a job at the first available opportunity, with the sole object of getting the job done as quickly as possible. Spring seeding is one of the jobs that is usually treated in this manner, and often with dire results.

In some seasons the earliest seedings give best results, but in most instances there is an accompanying disadvantage to having seedings. Weeds, more often than not, start to grow as soon as the early seedings are completed and manage to be up to or ahead of the crop unless some preventive measures are taken.

A few days delay in the seeding operation has proven beneficial in most seasons. Such a delay will allow for a cultivation to kill the first crop of weeds. A further delay of a few days will allow for the killing of a second crop of weeds by use of the one-way seeder. Such procedure usually pays dividends, in that the cheapest weed killing is accomplished before seeding, a reasonably clean crop is insured, and the crop has a chance to make the best possible use of available moisture.

If early seeding is deemed necessary, some form of post seeding cultivation may be useful. This may be done with a rod weeder run at a shallow depth after the seed has sprouted, or with a shallow set harrow after the crop is up but while the weeds are still small.

At the present time we are fairly fortunate in having some selective weed killers that are useful for weed control in the growing crop. Such chemicals are of limited value only, as they are not equally effective on all weed species, and at the rates that are safe for the crop will not cause serious injury to the grass weeds e.g. wild oats. However, these chemicals, of which 2,4-D is the best known, can be used if they are applied with care at the proper time and in the correct amounts, but they will not fully replace good, sound cultural practices.

This spring it would be well to weigh all factors carefully, and to think of possible advantages of pre-seeding cultivation. Haste may mean waste.

Records show more delinquency in Canada among children of British parentage than among children with parents born in Canada or elsewhere in the world.

More than 30,000,000 of kerorens are sold in Canada each year.

Shaddock is another name for grape fruit.

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